

REALIZING THE SILK ROAD

How did the silk road connect western civilizations with eastern civilizations?

How did ideas spread across ancient societies in this region?

OBJECTIVE: Research trade and cultural connections between ancient civilizations via the Silk Road. Locate, research, describe and present using google maps.

STEP 1: Research Requirements

1. Record all information on the google doc research notes form. Record all websites you take information from.
2. Use the provided resources as well as your own to gather information about ancient cities and their trade goods.
3. Research who cities traded with and what they traded for.
4. Research any cultural aspects that were adopted from one city to the next (for example, language, religion).

Cities to focus on:

Ur	Other African countries/cities
Mesopotamia	Babylon
Sumer	Assyria
Phoenicia	Hittites
Egypt	

STEP 2: Choose 5 of the nine cities to do further research on.

The 5 cities need to have all of the above requirements AND

A picture: A modern day picture of the city

A short paragraph: The paragraph must include:

- goods traded, places traded with, what was product used for...

-Influences: culture, language, religion, technology etc.

Trade Items to look for:

Gold	Wood
Ivory from Africa	Furs from the steppes
Grain from Western Asia	Ceramics
Produce	Silk
Horses	Luxury goods from China
Livestock	

STEP 3: Google Map Requirements

Plot all nine cities from above on your google map.

The 9 cities need:

A pin drop

A Custom Icon: A relevant icon that is associated with a trade item from that place.

A line: Connecting different cities to one another to represent the trade route.

EXTENSION: West Asia makes connections with East Asia

The civilizations we will be studying the rest of the year are located in India and China. As an extension activity connect the Silk Road to civilizations and cities with at least one place in India and one place in China. Follow step 3 to make sure you include all the information.

Day 1	Project introduction and initial research (explore google maps)
Day 2	Research (Part 1)
Day 3	Research and Writing (Part 1)
Day 4	Writing (Part 2)
Day 5	Organization and finish writing (Part 2)
Day 6	Input information into google maps (Part 2/3)
Day 7	Google maps (Part 3)

Day 8	Google maps (Part 3)
Day 9	Finish up